

**Hot Issues:**

- **Oak Ridge Reservation (DOE), Wastewater Management Dispute:** Administrator Wheeler issued the dispute decision on 12/31/2021.
- **Oak Ridge Reservation (DOE), mercury disposal and discharge to Bear Creek:** The TDEC Deputy Commissioner requested the R4 RA's support for TDEC's proposal for mercury discharge to Bear Creek. The Senior Leadership Team (EPA/TDEC/DOE) discussed on January 13, and referred to the Emerging Issues Team (EIT) for follow-up.
- **Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant (DOE):** DOE proposed a new strategy for the 211-A remedy to the Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC), including SEMD Director and Deputy. EPA will confer with KDEP on the proposal and reconvene with DOE on 1/28/21.

**Next Week's Goals:**

- **Oak Ridge Reservation (DOE):** begin planning for implementation of the dispute decision.

**Contact with Key External Stakeholders:**

- **Oak Ridge Reservation (DOE):** The EPA/TDEC/DOE Emerging Issues Team (EIT) met on 1/15/2021. The next meeting will be 1/29/2021. Implementation of the Administrator's decision on waste water discharge, additional public involvement for the EMDF, and the mercury proposal continued to be discussed.